

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 45-51, 53 and 55 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 47, 53 and 55 have been amended and 52, 54 and 56-78 have been canceled by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 52-55 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form; claims 56-78 were withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner; claims 1-3 and 47-49 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Schneck et al. in view of Ishiguro and Applicants' own admissions; and claims 45, 46, 50 and 51 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Schneck in view of Ishiguro and Menezes et al.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. In light of this indication, independent claims 1 and 47 have been amended to include the subject matter similar to that as recited in dependent claims 52 and 54, respectively. Note that the term "summing one or more first internal keys to the unique ID" has been changed to "combining one or more first internal keys to the unique ID" to more closely correspond with the generation of the key data. Further, withdrawn claims 56-78 have been canceled. Therefore, this application is in condition for allowance and the